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News Briefs

Oktoberfest

The base holds its annual Oktoberfest Sept. 14-16.

The festivities begin at 5 p.m., Sept. 14 and go until midnight. The event resumes Sept. 15 from 3 p.m. to midnight, and finishes Sept. 16 from 1-8 p.m. in the shoppette parking lot.

A large fest tent will be set up and German food and drink will be available Sept. 14 and 15. DJ Southern Comfort spins tunes Sept. 14 from 5:30-8 p.m., and a German oompah band plays from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

The country band Drifters Caravan performs Sept. 15 from 8 p.m.-midnight.

A carnival with rides and traditional midway fare (candy apples, cotton candy) will be set up for the children Sept. 16. For set up of the event, the youth center side of the parking lot closes at 10 p.m. Sept. 10 and reopens Sept. 19. The shoppette parking lot closes at 10 p.m. Sept. 12 and reopens at 1 p.m. Sept. 17. Ellis road in front of the shoppette area will be closed to traffic from 3 p.m. Sept. 14 until 10 p.m. Sept. 16.

Dental Residency

Lt. Col. Paul Fortunato, 469th Air Base Group Director of Dental Services, recently completed a two-year Comprehensive General Dentistry Residency at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda Maryland.

He received a masters degree in Oral Biology from George Washington University through the program.

Fortunato develops and implements policies and procedures for the delivery of dental health care services at Rhein-Main.



Rhein-Main pays tribute to sacrifices of fallen comrades

By Airman 1st Class
Andrew Rouleau
Public Affairs

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is a day in which military members and all United States citizens pay homage to, and recognize Americans who are prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.

According to the Defense POW/MIA Office, as of July 31, 2001, there are 1,957 Americans still missing and unaccounted for in southeast Asia. That is down from 2,006 at this time last year.

POW/MIA Recognition Day is celebrated Sept. 21 this year, and just like in recent years, Rhein-Main has a number of events and tributes to support and promote awareness of POW's and those missing in action.

"The reason we have POW/MIA Day is to support those who sacrificed the ulti-

mate to ensure the freedoms that we have with us today," said Tech. Sgt. Donald Anderson, coordinator of the Rhein-Main POW/MIA activities.

Kicking off the ceremonies is a POW/MIA tribute run Sept. 13-14. The run begins at 9 a.m. and continues for 24 hours. A minimum of two volunteers will run or walk with the POW/MIA flag around a designated course on base. Every hour the flag is passed to a different team of volunteers, keeping the flag moving for the entire 24 hours.

"Taking an hour out of the day to pay tribute to fallen comrades is a small, small price to pay for what they went through," said Tech. Sgt. Chris Hernandez, coordinator for the event. This event has nothing to do with how fast people go, it is about getting the flag out and seen around base, he added.

Those interested in volunteering for the
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Heed customs, courtesies

By Master Sgt. Jim Prosser
First Sergeant

The following are some timely tips to help keep Rhein-Main a professional, productive, and pleasant place to live and work.

Formal Retreat Ceremony

Retreat takes place daily at 4:30 p.m. If you are outdoors, in uniform, face the flag (or toward the music) and on the first note of retreat, come to parade rest. When the first note sounds of the German National Anthem, come to attention and present arms during the German National Anthem and the U.S. National Anthem. Order arms at the end of the music and proceed.

When in civilian clothes, you do not render the salute, but remain at attention and place the right hand over the heart, during the playing of both anthems.

While driving, you should stop the vehicle and sit at attention during the anthems. Army personnel are required to exit their vehicles and render the proper salute.

Personal Appearance

Earrings may not be worn by males on or off duty at anytime on base. Females may wear one pair of conservative earrings in the earlobe. No other ornamentation is allowed. While in uniform, females may wear conservative nail polish. Mirror-type or fadish sunglasses are not allowed in uniform.

Housing Areas

Personnel walking their dogs, etc. must wear their hat while in uniform. The hat must also be worn when going between your vehicle and quarters. This also includes wearing your hat between your car and the CDC, BX, Post Office, etc.

Workplace Etiquette

When a senior member enters the room, stand and greet them. When wearing BDUs, ensure that your T-shirt is within standards, i.e. no lettering on the back or oversize emblems on the front. Always address superiors with respect, "Sir" or "Ma'am" is always appropriate.

Saluting

We need to take pride in saluting smartly and always offer each other that respect. We also need to be vigilant in observing the staff car with senior officer placards and render the proper salute as they drive by.

Smoking Areas

Be aware that there are designated smoking areas and that these are the only areas where you are authorized to smoke. Please keep these areas clean and use the butt cans provided. Remember, there is no smoking within 50 feet of an entrance/exit of a building.

**Main Line 330-7777 or
hotline@rheinmain.af.mil**

The Main Line is your direct link to me about life on Rhein-Main. It's your opportunity to recognize outstanding performers, ask questions, make comments or voice complaints. You can also use the program to report incidents of fraud, waste or abuse.

I want to emphasize that the Main Line is not intended to replace your chain of command. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. Please leave your name, duty section and telephone number when you call so you can be contacted with the appropriate response. Issues of concern to the Rhein-Main community will be printed in the Gateway.

The Main Line can be an excellent tool to improve the way we live and work at Rhein-Main. I welcome your inputs.

Col. Christine D. Prewitt,
Commander

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Main Line

What's the frequency?

I'm Staff Sgt. Jim Guzior of the AFN Frankfurt Radio/TV Station -- the station that serves the Rhein-Main community.

Recently I stopped by the Anthony's Pizza place (in housing) and was a little surprised to hear a German radio station on in the shop. I explained to the manager that if there was a serious incident or emergency on Rhein-Main that AFN FM 98.7 would have the coverage.

It is to the patrons and the employees benefit to keep AFN tuned in. Not to mention all the community and command information that is put out (such as) ... traf-

fic reports, weather and any emergency info like "demonstrations" around the area.

Rhein Main is a great community and we would appreciate the chance to spread command information through the local stores and clubs on Rhein-Main.

AFN provides a valuable service to Americans stationed overseas and most people tune in for the reasons you mentioned. In checking with Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials, however, there is no specific agreement between AAFES and AFN to require the station be tuned in as opposed to other channels.

*The deadline for the Sept. 21
edition of the Gateway is
noon, Sept. 13*

Tops In Blue bring show to Rhein-Main

Celebrating more than 45 years of entertainment history, Tops In Blue, one of the oldest and most widely traveled entertainment groups of its kind, comes to Rhein-Main Sept. 25, for a free performance at 7 p.m.

The 90-minute show, which takes place at Hangar 425, features a variety of songs from the past and present from Broadway, pop, dance and a combination of love songs. The theme of this year's show is "The Magic of Music."

"Music has a very lasting effect on us and it can often provide instant memories," said Tom Edwards, the show's producer and director of Air Force Entertainment.

Music can take people back to a special moment, he added. "Simply put, music is magical."

"This years team of 35 active-duty military members is indeed a reflection of the best of the best," Edwards said. "Continuing the tradition of worldwide ambassadors, this group of talented young Air Force members displays the pride, patriotism, and dedication felt by all Air Force personnel around the world."

Tops In Blue, is an Air Force special unit made up of talented amateur performers selected for their entertainment abilities, he said.

Each year, thousands compete in base talent contests, and the winners move on to higher levels of competition. The result is an elite group composed of the most talented vocalists, musicians and dancers anywhere in the service, said Edwards.

The main purpose of Tops In Blue is to perform for military personnel and their families throughout the world.

Since its first world tour in 1953, the group has performed more than 7,000 shows, including on film and before a live and broadcast audience of 110 million at Super Bowl XIX.

The 2001 Tops in Blue schedule includes 125 performances in 20 different countries around the world.

Mission Spotlight



Photo by Airman 1st Class Andrew Rouleau

Tech. Sgt. Knute M. Headley, Air Force Recruiter with the 314th Recruiting Squadron, looks up information for a young man considering enlisting. The New Martinsville, W. Va. native, recruits qualified candidates for enlistment, commissioning and ROTC programs. Headley recruits candidates from the northern Europe region including Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Iceland.

Contraband found in military mail results in inspections, fines, delays

MANNHEIM, Germany -- U.S. Customs and military postal officials are intercepting increasing amounts of contraband in parcels mailed from Europe to the United States.

During the last three months, U.S. Customs at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, Ill., have intercepted numerous parcels containing illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons, hazardous material and government property. The packages were mailed from overseas military post offices.

This is significantly raising U.S. Customs' interest at entry points in New York, Washington D.C., and Dallas, according to U.S. European Command customs officials here.

Increased inspections of military mail will result in further delays, said Michael L. Burkert, director of the U.S. EUCOM's Customs Executive Agency.

Violations of customs, agriculture or mail regulations can result in confiscation of the goods involved and can lead to hefty fines.

Postal officials in Europe also say many people fail to properly complete customs forms and Federal Aviation Administration statements, and often list an illegible or incorrect return address.

Many products are banned from import to the States outright and others may be carried in baggage, but not mailed. Meat and meat products are one big problem.

"European delicacies like French pâté, German wurst, Spanish chorizo salami and Italian ham are here for the buying, and much sought-after in the States," said Delcio Rivera, U.S. Department of Agriculture adviser to U.S. EUCOM.

"Unfortunately they can also carry the

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Former POW to speak at luncheon

By Maj. David Wright

726th Air Mobility Squadron

Editor's Note: Maj. Wright's father spent 20 months as a prisoner of war during the Korean War and is this year's guest speaker at Rhein-Main's POW/MIA Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Sept. 21 at the Zeppelinhaus.

Retired Air Force Col. Vernon L. Wright was a lifelong fighter pilot who actively participated in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He dedicated 26 years of his life to the protection of our Constitutional freedoms.

I grew up in the Air Force and, except for the seven years between his retirement and my entry into the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1982, have been a part of the Air Force family.

Over the course of the last 20 years of my dad's career, he moved, along with his family, 18 times. Talk about a diverse and sometimes temporary existence for my two brothers and sister.

I grew up as a brat in the Air Force in Germany, England, Ohio, Florida, California, Virginia, and Alabama, and have fond

memories of each location ... all of them before I entered 6th grade.

Moving from state to state and country to country was our way of life and I never dreamed that people actually lived in the same place their entire life. It is only now, as a father of four, that I realize this nomadic existence is not the most conducive to family life.

I didn't realize the sacrifices made by my father until I entered the service. Being away from home, being deployed to remote locations, and his experiences as a POW in Korea are a testament to his sense of duty to our country.

He paid a high price as a captive in a Chinese prison camp for 20 months, yet still left four kids and a wife in Florida for Vietnam and flew F-4Es out of DaNang to once again defend our way of life and stop the spread of communism.

I went through survival and resistance training while at the Academy and realized then that my father also went through survival and resistance training; only his lessons were learned firsthand from Communist captors at time when there was no formal training or methodology to defend against interrogation techniques.

He will undoubtedly share some of the methods he and his fellow captives employed; some funny, some not so funny, but for the most part what they demonstrate is that American's fighting for their country will always find a way to succeed.

I feel that one of the most important core values my father instilled in me was integrity. This core value was learned at a high price to him while in a POW camp and he maintained it at the hands of his captors.

I know that my father was probably never the most popular colonel, but I know from my experiences with him that he did and does have the most integrity of anyone I have ever met.

He is the best pilot with whom I have ever flown and even today maintains his currency in single-engine aircraft. Flying for him was a way-of-life and he used his talents to keep our country free ... free to support the government and free to demonstrate against it.

Our republic is built on the sacrifices made by our forefathers; my father wasn't asked to make the ultimate sacrifice during combat, but he was always ready to defend our country and did so during two wars.

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tribute can contact Hernandez at 330-7275.

A vigil to honor those still missing takes place outside of Bldg. 347 Sept. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers will read the names and ranks of those still missing for 10 minutes at a time. Col. Christine Prewitt, 469th Air Base Group Commander will be the first to participate.

Those interested in volunteering can contact Staff Sgt. Tammy Bean at 330-9002.

A POW/MIA memorial golf tournament takes place Sept. 19 at the Rheinblick golf course in Weisbaden. The cost is \$25, and all proceeds go toward POW/MIA related funds and the funding of the POW/MIA events on base. Call Sgt. Anderson at 330-6774 to sign up.

Rhein-Main holds a POW/MIA memorial luncheon Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m. at the

Zeppelinhaus.

The guest speaker this year is Retired Air Force Col. Vernon L. Wright, the father of Major David Wright, deputy commander of the 726th Air Mobility Squadron.

Col. Wright flew F-80s and F-86s in Korea. He was shot down and held captive in a Chinese prison camp for 20 months. He later flew F-4s as the squadron commander of the 366th Tactical Fighter Squadron at DaNang Air Base, Vietnam. From 1971 - 1972, he flew a total of 158 combat missions over North Vietnam.



Those interested in attending the luncheon can contact Lt. Andrea Legg at 330-4624.

The week's events conclude Sept. 21, with a formal retreat ceremony outside of Bldg. 347 at 4 p.m. Those interested can contact Tech. Sgt. Mark Fritts at 330-7164.

Rhein- Main blotter



*compiled by Staff Sgt.
Harold C. Carnley III
security forces*

Aug. 4: The daughter of an enlisted member assigned to the 726th Air Mobility Squadron reported she had been assaulted by the daughter of an enlisted member assigned to the 469th Air Base Group. The victim related several other children had thrown sand balls at her and then she was struck on the top of the head with a closed hand by the suspect. The situation was turned over to the first sergeants of both units to handle.

Aug. 5: Security Forces patrols responded to a physical altercation in a dormitory at Bldg. 605. Upon arrival of patrols, both individuals were separated and detained. Both individuals are assigned to Detachment 1, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Postal Squadron and were released to their first sergeant for further processing.

Aug. 9: The Security Forces Control Center received a phone call from the Weisbaden Military Police, relating that the German Polizei had detained an enlisted member assigned to the 726th AMS for driving while intoxicated.

The information and the individual were turned over to the unit's first sergeant.

Aug. 15: An enlisted member assigned to the 469th ABG reported he had been hit by a moving vehicle driven by an enlisted member assigned to the 260th Transportation Company. The victim related he tried to stop the operator of the vehicle, but the vehicle struck him and then fled the scene. The suspect was later located, apprehended and transported to the Security Forces Control Center for further processing.

Aug. 19: A civilian with no base affiliation entered the Security Forces Control Center acting suspicious and related he needed assistance. The 19th Polizei Precinct was contacted and interviewed the individual. Due to the individual not having any base affiliation, he was detained and transported to the 19th Polizei Precinct for further processing.

Aug. 25: The Security Forces Control Center received a phone call from the 19th

Polizei Precinct relating they were searching for a missing individual who was employed by PAE. The individual was reported ill and had not been seen for several days. While conducting searches of PAE facilities, the individual was located and in safe condition.

Aug. 26: A civilian assigned to HITT Contracting was stopped and detained at the Gateway Gardens Gate for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The individual was advised of his rights and consented to the breathalyzer test, resulting in a 0.12 BAC. The individual was issued a notice of Preliminary Driving Privileges letter and later released to his supervisor.

Aug. 27: An enlisted member assigned to the 469th ABG reported that another enlisted member assigned to the 469th ABG was viewing adult pornography on a government computer. The situation was turned over to Security Forces Investigators and the Office of Special Investigations.

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spores of Foot and Mouth Disease, a virulent livestock ailment eradicated in the United States," he added.

Meat products, all canned meats and even soup mixes or tortellini containing meat are banned. Fresh fruits and vegetables are also prohibited because they could harbor pests like the Mediterranean fruit fly, said Rivera.

The threat to U.S. agriculture is so great that the USDA fines people who are caught mailing or carrying banned foods to the States, he added.

Typical fines can range from a minimum of \$100 to criminal action for delib-

erate smuggling, which can lead to a \$5,000 fine and one year in prison.

Recently, a military spouse traveling in Germany mailed some garlic with dirt clumps to the States. Postal officials report USDA fined her \$650.

Many of the finest wines and spirits come from Europe. Europeans even produce liquor-filled candies that make original gifts.

"Unfortunately, the U.S. Postal Service bans all liquor from being mailed, even if it is inside a piece of candy," said Burkert. Liquor found in parcels mailed to the States is confiscated and destroyed.

"Wildlife products also present problems. Buying ivory overseas is a bad idea,"

he said. "Only ivory pieces registered with the U.S. Customs Service may be imported."

Shoppers should insist on a certificate of origin stating the animal's scientific name to avoid buying items produced from prohibited endangered species. The movement of caviar is also restricted and people are not allowed to mail it over international borders.

Military customs and postal offices have more information. The U.S. Customs "International Mail Imports" pamphlet is available at all military customs offices or on the U.S. Customs Web site at www.customs.gov/travel/internat.htm.

(Courtesy USAFE News Service)

Oktoberfest: a unique & evolving German tradition

By Heike Kowalski
Public Affairs

It all started with wedding bells and a horse race on October 12, 1810.

Four years after Bavaria had become a kingdom, crown prince Ludwig of Bavaria (who was to be King Ludwig I) married princess Therese of Saxon-Hildburghausen. The official festivities lasted five days and included parades of riflemen, music, eating and drinking. The festivities ended with a horse race held on a green, which was situated in those days outside of the city limits and named "Theresienwiese" ("Theresa's Green") in honor of the bride.

Over the next years the horse race was repeated and the Oktoberfest, also called "Wiesn," was born.

In 1811, an agricultural festival was added to the horse race. Its main attraction was a competition in which the most splendid horses and oxen were awarded prizes. The horse race ceased to be held after 1938, but the agricultural festival has been a part of the Oktoberfest up to this day. It takes part ev-



Thousands of people celebrate Oktoberfest in one of the main beer halls on the fest grounds

ery four years on the southern part of the Theresienwiese. In these years, as there is less space for the Oktoberfest, it's called a "small" Oktoberfest.

The people from Munich wanted to have a little fun also. In 1818, the first carousel and two big swings were set up. In addition, there finally were

some beer counters. But the people wanted more: In 1896 the first of the huge beer tents was started as a joint venture of proprietors and different breweries.

Only breweries from Munich are allowed to sell beer at the Oktoberfest.

In the years to come, the attractions of the Oktoberfest kept getting more and more exotic. In 1879, the organizers of the fair presented an African tribe, and in 1880 (the first year that electric light was used at the Oktoberfest) you could marvel at a group of wax figures.

In 1881 the biggest chicken rotisserie in the world opened on the fair grounds.

Finally, in 1892, visitors could drink their beer out of the famous 1-liter glass mugs for the first time.

Mayor Thomas Wimmer established a new Wiesn tradition

in 1950. At high noon, on the first day of the Oktoberfest, the mayor tapped the first beer barrel in the Schottenhamel tent shouting "Ozapft is!" ("the barrel has been tapped"). This tradition continues today.

Beer, which was traditionally tapped from wood containers, was tapped from metal kegs for the first time in 1984.

The Oktoberfest is the biggest fair of the world and it's known worldwide.

What's special and attractive about the Oktoberfest is its ability to combine a celebration for the locals with international event.

It is a successful combination of traditions, and new ideas and influences.

The Rhein-Main Ticket and Tours Office offers trips to the Oktoberfest Sept. 21-23 and Sept. 25-27. Call 330-7459 for more information.



A waitress has her hands full delivering food to hungry patrons during the 2000 Oktoberfest



Shhhh...

Left, Andrew Arp drives one down the fairway, while, right, Tom Hampton executes a perfect putt on the green. The two civil engineer flight civilian employees participated during the 469th Air Base Group's booster club golf tournament, held Aug. 29 at Heidelberg. The tournament helped raise money for various group programs.

Photos by Master Sgt.
Stefan Alford



Security forces edges the 64th 19-18 in flag football

**By Airman 1st Class
Andrew Rouleau**
Public Affairs

In an extremely competitive flag football matchup, Security Forces and the 64th Replacement Company scored the same amount of touchdowns. But with the only successful extra point of the game, Security Forces notched a one point victory during a Sept. 4 intramural game.

The matchup began in a negative way for the 64th. On their first offensive play of the game, Aubrey Lee of Security Forces intercepted a short pass attempt and strolled into the endzone, giving them a six point lead. The extra point conversion failed.

The 64th responded shortly after, capping an efficient drive with a rushing touchdown by Mark Clark. The extra point was also no good.

After a couple of fruitless possessions by both teams, Security Forces was moving the ball when Richard Boardnax intercepted a Melvin Crandall pass and ran it

back for the touchdown. Once again, they could not convert on the extra point, leaving the score 12-6.

Looking to answer before the end of the first half, Security Forces began driving down the field with Crandall spreading the ball to different receivers. Crandall completed the drive with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Donnie Stone, and with the only successful extra point of the game, Security Forces took a 13-12 lead.

Security Forces stepped up their defense at the end of the half. Aubrey Lee used his quickness to hunt down the 64th quarterback and get the sack, ending the drive.

Stubborn defense by both teams and the onset of darkness contributed to a low-scoring second half.

The initial scoring happened on a Mark Clark touchdown reception. With no extra point the 64th was up by five.

Later in the half, Crandall threw what ended up as the game-winning touchdown to Jamie Howell from 15 yards out.

Sports Briefs

Lifting champion

David Banker, of the 469th Medical Flight, took first place in his class at the 2001 Natural Athlete Strength Association Drugfree World Cup Powerlifting Championships while on leave at his home in Oklahoma, Aug. 12.

Competing in the 205 pound submasters (30-39 year old) weight class, Banker squatted 500 pounds, lifted 350 pounds in the benchpress, and lifted 530 pounds in the deadlift. His total of 1,380 pounds gave him the first-place finish.

Football frenzy

Every Sunday and Tuesday evening the Rocket Sports Lounge and Gatway Cafe show National Football League games.

Club members have the chance to win a trip to the Super Bowl.

Varsity basketball

The Base Varsity Basketball team will have its first team meeting/try-out Sept. 8, at 2 p.m., at the base gym. For more information, call Rob Caldwell at 330-7178 (nights) or Kenny Bean at 330-7151.

Happenings

Job Openings

Services positions are currently available in the following areas: club operations assistant (Z-Haus), cook (Gateway Cafe), waitress, (Z-Haus), automotive mechanic (Auto Skills), tools and parts attendant (Auto Skills), maintenance custodial, (Lodging), accounting technician (Accounting), human resources assistant (accepting applications only), child development program assistant (Child Development Center), school age program assistant (Youth Center) and lead school age program assistant (Youth Center).

Those interested should apply at the Human Resources Office, Bldg. 350, room 9, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Or call the Human Resources Office at 330-6066.

Parish Picnic

There is a Catholic Mass at the IP Area Sept. 9 at 11 a.m., followed by a picnic with games for all ages.

A shuttle bus will leave the shoppette parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to take folks to the IP Area. People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs along.

Scout Sign-up

An Ice Cream Social takes place Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Halvorsen-Tunner School cafeteria for anyone interested in joining Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.

German Club

The Rhein-Main German-American Club Picnic and Membership Drive takes place at 1 p.m. Sept. 9 at the IP Area. Reservations can still be

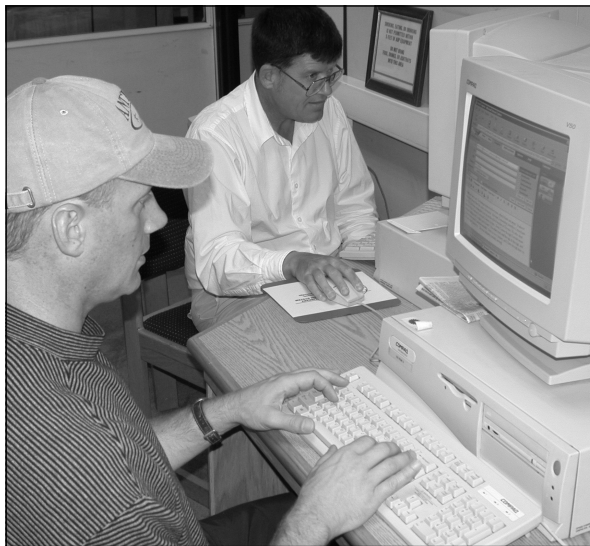


Photo By Master Sgt. Stefan Alford

Exploring the web

Library patrons enjoy the new expanded services provided by Internet connectivity at the library. The facility, adjoining the Child Development Center (Bldg. 610) in Gateway Gardens, now has six computers with world wide web access. The library is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from noon-6 p.m.; Wednesday from noon-7 p.m.; and Saturday from noon-5 p.m.

made by calling Helga Rhode at 06103-24935 or David and Holly Turngren at 06103-924725.

PWOC Meeting

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invites the men to join them for their first general meeting Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Jane Cooper is the speaker and will address "Christian Unity Through Diversity."

CDC Program

Starting Sept. 10, children can get a head start on learning by enrolling in the Part-day Enrichment Program at the Child Development Center.

A program for three-year-olds takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m., and the four-year-olds meet

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the same time.

Greetings

Army and Air Force Hometown News Service broadcast teams will be in the Rhein-Main area next week to film holiday greetings (recorded video messages from servicemembers to air on hometown television outlets).

Rhein-Main members who are interested in participating can schedule a filming time at Wiesbaden, Sept. 17, by calling DSN 337-1600; at Darmstadt, Sept. 18, by calling DSN 348-1600; or Hanau, Sept. 19, by calling DSN 322-1600.

The team will also be at Ramstein Air Base, Oct. 12 and 15. Call DSN 480-9198 to schedule a time there.

Movies

Sept. 7 - "Rush Hour 2," (PG-13), 7 p.m., and "Swordfish" (R), 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 - "The Fast And The Furious," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sept. 9 - "Dr. Dolittle 2," (PG), 7 p.m.

Sept. 12 - "Summer Catch," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sept. 14 - "American Pie 2," (R), 7 p.m., and "Baby Boy," (R), 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 15 - "Crazy Beautiful," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sept. 16 - "Beautiful Creatures," (R), 7 p.m.

Sept. 5 - "Jeepers Creepers," (R), 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Tradin' post

'89 Ford Sierra: Inspection good until May '02, very clean, sunroof, runs good, needs some exhaust work. Asking \$200. Call Lisa or John Williams at 330-7003/7515, or at 0175-435-9459.

'88 Corvette T-Top: Automatic, fully loaded, new wheels, tires and brakes, raised on Mobile 1 and Slick 50, kept in garage. Asking \$12,500. Call Rick Rielly at 330-8017 or at 0610-527-7415.

'87 Subaru sedan: White, 4-door, 4-wheel drive, automatic, 60,000 miles, in excellent condition. Asking \$2,250. Car cover used only once. Asking \$35. Call Erika after 6 p.m. at 069-76-5662.

'83 Toyota Starlet: Red, 4-speed, hatchback, radio, excellent fuel mileage, very dependable, recent tune-up. Asking \$500. Call Andy at 330-6115 or 6959-1723.

'93 Mercury Tracer: Burgandy, 4-door, AC, stereo/cassette, new tires, 1.9 L, 4 cylinder, automatic. Has transmission problems. \$500 or best offer. Call 0175-748-2207.

'86 VW Golf: Red, new wheels, tinted windows, sunroof. Needs clutch and parking brake cable. Asking \$600. Call 0175-748-2207.

Blink 182 tickets: Concert is Nov. 12 in Dusseldorf. Tickets are 53 DM. Call 330-7989.